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Sold by Sheriff—

The Tokeland Oyster House, on Astor street, was sold by Sheriff Pomeroy, to Ross Higgins & Co., for \$150.

Heating Plant Installed—

The heating plant which is being installed at the Adair School will be finished tomorrow and school will be resumed in the first primary grade Monday morning.

No Change in Fish Conditions—

No change has appeared in the results of fishing and but fair catches are being made. Silversides make up the receipts of fish, steelheads not appearing.

Assessments Being Paid—

City Treasurer Dealey yesterday received \$800 for assessments on the improvement of Irving avenue from Sixteenth to Eighteenth streets.

On a Hunting Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Coffman returned from a hunting trip last night. Mr. Coffman will return to the hunting grounds, this morning, but will return on Sunday night. He will be here on Monday.

Administrator Appointed—

John Stephenson has been appointed administrator of the estate of Sam Tuorila, deceased, on the petition of the latter's brother, Jacob Tuorila. His bonds were placed at \$500.

In From Nehalem—

Tim Corcoran came in from Nehalem last night. He reports everything as being about the same in that section, and as he is the constable and special deputy sheriff of that precinct he should know what happens. Mr. Corcoran promises to report some good items on his next trip.

Will Deliver Lecture—

Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, of Portland, will deliver a lecture at St. Mary's Hall on November 7th, under the auspices of St. Mary's Library Society. Father O'Hara, who is connected with Cathedral parish, in Portland, is a very eloquent man and his subject, "Sibboleths," will no doubt be ably handled.

To Confirm Title—

P. J. Brix, guardian of Herbert S. Brix, a minor, was authorized by the county court yesterday to sell the interests of his ward in certain land in section 15, township 4 north, range 2 west. The interest of young Brix is a small one, and doubtful, and can be sold for a small amount. The court considered it to the interest of those concerned to sell the doubtful interest to confirm the title of the balance held by C. C. Masten.

Marriage License—

William Strom and Wilhelmina Hakala were issued a marriage license yesterday in the county clerk's office.

Geese Hunters Are Out—

It was reported yesterday that the geese were flying low over Clatsop Plains and a number of hunters went down on the noon train to keep the geese moving.

More Improvements—

Patent door openers are being placed in the new engine house. A beautiful brass sliding pole has been set and when the boys have a call, it will be a sight to see them get to the machines.

Sale Reported—

It is reported that Sheriff Pomeroy has sold the Toke Point Oyster House on Eleventh street, at private sale. The name of the purchaser or the price has not been named, as the deal has not been fully closed.

Lay Low Ducks—

Archie McLean leaves this morning for the vicinity of Newport on a hunting trip, and many of his friends will anxiously await his return. Several duck dinners are in prospect. He will return Sunday night.

More Attractions—

Manager Fritz, of the Star Theatre, was in Portland yesterday and returned last night. While he was in Portland, he made special arrangements for new talent for his theatre, being determined to retain the good reputation this popular place of amusement has gained.

Tug o' War Contests—

The international tug o' war contest, between anchor-men of different nationalities, which will take place tomorrow afternoon and evening, it attracting a great deal of attention. Manager Planck is enthusiastic over the number of entries being made, and feels assured of a successful meet. The interesting part of the contest is, that no nations are barred, except Chinese and Japs, and the winner of the tournament will be declared the champion anchor man of the northwest. Already three entries have been made from Portland, two from Seattle and two from Tacoma. Astoria has some husky pullers among her tug o' war men, and they feel that the championship will come here. The winner of this contest will, as in other sports, be compelled to defend his title against all comers. The list of entries will be published tomorrow.

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TELLS OF TRIP TO HONG KONG

ENG SUE FOOK, OF ASTORIA, TELLS INTERESTING STORY OF HIS TRIP TO CHINA TO ASTORIAN REPORTER.

Eng Sue Fook, manager of the firm of Hop Hing Lung Co., of this city, returned yesterday from Hong Kong, China, where he went on a visit last spring.

Mr. Eng, when seen by a reporter of the Astorian last night, spoke quite extensively on his experiences while abroad.

"I had a very pleasant trip," said he, "and I feel amply repaid for the time and money devoted to it."

"This was my first trip abroad, as you know, I am a native-born American, and I only took the trip in order to learn something of the country of my fathers, and to look after some business matters for my firm."

"We sailed from Seattle on the steamer Empress of India and the trip consumed 18 days, stopped at Yokohama and Shanghai and finally landing at Hong Kong."

"I spent nearly two months in and around Hong Kong, and some queer and interesting things I saw. One thing I was impressed with, was the almost entire absence of horses in that great city. When one wishes to have any baggage transferred or hauling of any kind done, he calls the transfer man who, with his helper, shoulders the article and carries it to its destination. If the load is too heavy for two, then they use four men, two in front, and two in the rear with a pole across their shoulders with the load suspended in the center. Four men in this manner will carry a load of 1000 pounds."

"The streets are all paved, very level and smooth, in some places being paved with cement, but mostly with cobble stones. The buildings are nearly all built of brick and while formerly they were mostly one story in height they are now being built four and five stories. A business block, say, 100 by 200 feet, rents for \$150 for each floor."

"There are quite a number of English and Americans in Hong Kong. They are mostly engaged in wholesale business, dealing in lumber, coal, iron, copper, etc., and imported canned goods, rubber goods, etc. The American and English drug stores do a big business, a large percentage of it being the sale of Florida water and scented soaps. A man will go into the city from some outlying town and carry home 15 or 20 bottles of Florida water, and a whole armful of toilet soap. It seems to be a universal practice, almost as much as the smoking of opium, which, by the way, has undergone a great change during the past few years. Under a new law all Chinese under 50 years of age are prohibited from using opium, a change only brought about by the strenuous work of the Chinese Empire Reform Association."

"Another change wrought by this same source is the abolishment of the queue. The children and young men do not wear the 'pig-tail' anymore. 'The climate in that part of China is almost the same as in our southern states. Everyone wears white duck suits and 'two-piece' suits at that. The large straw hats you have seen in pictures of Chinese, are only worn by business men, and by 'loafers.' The majority of workers wear straw hats similar to those worn here in our own country."

"There are electric car lines and lighting plants, railroads, etc., all manned and operated by natives. There are practically no telephones though the telegraph is well represented."

"There are plenty of newspapers and, by the way, I want to say, I appreciated my Morning Astorian, though it came in bunches of 12 and 15, and I read every one of them while I was gone, and knew just how Astoria was progressing. Whenever I would pick up the Astorian it seemed like I was right back at home again."

"I left Hong Kong after a couple of months and visited in and around Canton. They are building a railroad from Canton to Peking, a distance of some 2000 miles. It is completed for about one-half the distance and will probably be entirely finished within a year. There are about 5000 men on the construction work."

"It was while I was visiting in Canton that the San Luoy Theater fire occurred, which I wrote you about and you published in the Astorian. With hundreds of other sightseers I went down to San Luoy, a distance of about 40 miles from Canton and viewed the wreck of the building. It was a terrible sight. Over 500 people were killed in the catastrophe, mostly by the explosion of a quantity of gun powder which was stored in the building adjoining the theater."

"After about two months spent in and about Canton I returned to Hong Kong and took passage on the steamer Empress of China there on September 26 for home."

"There were four other Chinese who came first-class besides myself, and there were 600 or 700 Chinese and Japs in the steerage."

"We landed at Vancouver, B. C., October 14th, 27 hours behind time, owing to dense fog encountered during the last few days of the voyage."

"Yes, I am glad to be back home again, but I do not regret the trip, moreover, I will be glad if the opportunity ever offers itself to go again."

Mr. Eng's description of a trip to China is very interesting reading, coming, as it does, from one though a native-born American, still interested in the home of his fathers.

THE POLICE COURT.

Judge Anderson Will Not Stand for Hammermen and Reads Lecture.

"You are charged with robbing the streets late at night; what is your plea, guilty or not guilty?" With all the dignity due the exalted position which he holds, City Attorney Abercrombie uttered these words, opening the session of the police court yesterday.

"Your honor," said James Johnson, the accused man, "I was out late but I was looking for a job. I might correct the gentleman, who holds that paper in his speaking, out late. It was 2 o'clock hard, and myself. I was not, strictly this morning when I was pinched."

"Looking for a job at 2 a. m. Well, that's an early hour for such a thing. We have all heard about the early worm, but that is surely too early for the earliest worm written about. What is your vocation?" answered Judge Anderson.

"I am a hammerman, and I am considered the best in the camp," answered Johnson.

Judge Anderson, whose heart is with the advancement of Astoria, frowned heavily, thought for a moment and in a voice that could be heard throughout the city hall said:

"Mr. Johnson, Astoria has no use for hammermen! Of course, the four you name is a good one to look for such a job. No one would do so at an honest hour. We have got beyond the time of knocking in this city, and although we have a few left who follow this practice, I wish to state that if brought before me I will give them the limit. Now, I would advise you to take your hammer to some quarry and get in and drill; that's where your hammer will do some good. I will send you below for two days and keep you supplied with the morning paper which will show you that you are not needed here. What case comes next?"

Two drunks pleaded guilty and received the regular dose and Judge Anderson could not be interviewed for the balance of the day.

*** PERSONAL MENTION ***

W. J. Sculley, who has been laid up with a severe case of grip, for several days is reported as much improved and expects to be out and attending to business in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Danielson are in Skamokawa on a few days' visit.

Capt. H. McCullough has returned from Spokane. He accompanied Mrs. McCullough to that city where she will remain for the benefit of her health. She will return in the spring.

C. H. Sherman, a prominent citizen of Robinson, Ill., is in the city.

Sam Elmore went to Portland yesterday.

M. D. Reynolds, of Skamokawa, was in the city yesterday.

J. M. Arthur, of the Breakers Hotel, Long Beach, passed through here to Portland yesterday.

J. L. Torkelson, of Chehalis, Wash., came to Astoria on the noon train yesterday. He states that he will remain for about a week as he wants to learn about Astoria.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Presbyterian.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock; communion and reception of members. Subject of short sermon, "Friends."
Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30; "Cheating Ourselves." Chorus choir. All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Norwegian M. E.
Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:45 in the evening. Scandinavians are cordially invited to worship with us.

Grace.
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity. Services as follows: Holy communion with sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:30 m.; evening prayer at 7:30.

Holy Innocents' Chapel.
Morning and evening services, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 11:15 a. m.

Christian Science.
Services at 634 Grand avenue, Sunday at 10 a. m. Subject, "Probation After Death." All are invited.

Early Morning Burglary—

At an early hour this morning Officer Twombly arrested a burglar who was attempting to force an entrance into a dwelling on the corner of Fourth and Commercial streets. Officer Twombly was at the station, having returned to his duties after a week's leave of absence and in response to a telephone call hurried to the scene, and captured the culprit. This is the first burglar captured for a long time and Twombly deserves credit for his quick work. The arrested man gave the name of Sam Rock and claims to have come from Portland a few days ago.

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WILL ARRIVE HERE TODAY AND
WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY THE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The Reception Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Wise Chairman, has arranged to entertain Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered and the nine Hawaiian ladies that accompany her upon their arrival in this city today on the noon train. Mrs. C. L. Houston will act as Chairwoman of the Ladies Reception Committee which will do the honors for the occasion. Besides Mrs. Houston the other members of the Ladies Reception Committee are, Mrs. John Gratke, Mrs. W. E. Tallant, Miss Harriet Tallant, Mrs. C. W. Fulton, Mrs. W. E. Schimpff, Mrs. John H. Whyte. Immediately upon the arrival of the train the ladies, and gentlemen, reception committees will conduct the visitors to the Occident Hotel where luncheon will be served at twelve o'clock. An informal reception will be held in the parlors of the Occident between one and two o'clock at which the ladies especially and the citizens in general are requested to be present.

At two o'clock the visitors will be taken on board the Custom House Patrol which has been extended through the courtesy of Collector of Customs Carnaker for a trip around the harbor. The young ladies will depart for Seaside on the evening train.

Wedding at Altoona—

A quiet home wedding took place at Altoona, Wash., last Saturday, October 12, 1907, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bailey, the contracting parties being David Welcome and Annie Lamont. Justice W. S. Hamilton officiated and the happy couple left for Portland for a short honeymoon, after which they will take up their residence at Skamokawa. The groom and bride are among Wahkiakum county's most popular young people and congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life are being extended them by their many friends.—Cathlamet Sun.

Change of Firm.

Mr. Ello has sold the Bond Street Market to Carl Bakulich and O. Fio, who will conduct it in the future.

CHANGE IN MANAGERS.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 18.—The resignation of Harry J. Horn, general manager of the Northern Pacific and the appointment of George T. Slade, son-in-law of J. J. Hill to succeed him, was officially announced today.

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